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SOUTH AFRICA

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1. AT REQUEST OF GUINEAN PERMREP CISSE, TEXT OF FEB 24
TELEGRAM ON SUBJECT FROM GUINEAN PRESIDENT TOURE TO SYG
CIRCULATED FEB 25 AS OFFICIAL GA/SC DOCUMENT. TEXT FOLLOWS.

ANNEX

TELEGRAM DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1975 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

AFRICA IS AT PRESENT IN A DELICATE SITUATION. OUR PEOPLE
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FIND THEMSELVES ONCE AGAIN FACED WITH THE SERIOUS

CHOICE OF FULLY ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR
NATIONAL LIBERATION OR OF ABANDONING IT SHAMEFULLY.

COLONIAL DOMINATION IS A DISGRACE FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE
WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO IT AND EVEN MORE SO FOR
THOSE PEOPLE WHICH ARE STILL SUBJECTED TO IT NOW AT
THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, SINCE FOR THEM UNIVERSAL
PROGRESS HAS BROUGHT NO CHANGE IN THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY, THE COMMON DENOMINATOR ON WHICH THE UNITY OF ACTION
OF OUR STATES AND PEOPLE HAS BEEN BASED HAS BEEN
THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PUT AN END TO THE INDIGNITY
AND IRRESPONSIBILITY OF FOREIGN DOMINATION. WORSE
EVEN THAN FOREIGN DOMINATION, APARTHEID, WHICH DISQUALIFIES
A WHOLE RACE BY REDUCING THE AFRICAN TO THE LEVEL OF
THE BEASTS, HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON US BY A CLIQUE OF FASCISTS,
WHOSE VICIOUSNESS DOES NOT SHRINK FROM ANY CRIME.

THESE, THEN, ARE TWO DEGRADING FACTORS WHOSE FINAL EL-
IMINATION IS ESSENTIAL IF BOTH AFRICA AND THE MODERN
WORLD ARE TO BE REHABILITATED. THROUGH THE COURAGEOUS
STRUGGLE OF OUR BROTHERS ON SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE,
NAMIBIA AND THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES AND THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE
SOLIDARITY OF INDEPENDENT STATES, POLITICAL MOVEMENTS,
AND MOVEMENTS, OF YOUNG PEOPLE. WOMEN AND WORKERS, OUR
CONTINENT HAS NOW TAKEN THE OFFENSIVE WITH A DETERMINATION
AND A UNANIMITY WHICH HAVE FINALLY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION
OF ALL NATIONS WHICH LOVE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY.

THIS EXPLAINS THE RECENT VOTE IN THE UNITED NATIONS EXCLUDING
SOUTH AFRICA, THE HOMELAND OF APARTHEID, FROM THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BODY, DESPITE
THE MANOEUVRES AND THE SUPPORT OF CERTAIN GREAT POWERS
WHICH, IN THIS MATTER, SHOWED THEMSELVES TO BE VERY
SMALL NATIONS, SINCE THE TRUE GREATNESS OF A NATION IS
BASED ON ITS KEEN SENSE OF THE HISTORY OF MANKIND AND
ON ITS PHILOSOPHICAL AND POLITICAL
COURAGE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCESSFUL EVOLUTION
OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD; ITHAS NEVER BEEN BASED
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ON THE ARGUMENT OF FORCE OR ON EGOISM.

IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD ALREADY CATEGORICALLY
PUT AN END TO THE MANDATE OF THE PRETORIA AUTHORITIES
OVER NAMIBIA, WHOSE PEOPLE IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO
DEMAND FORTHWITH THE RECOGNITION OF ITS NATIONAL INDEP-
ENDENCE, WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATES

OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD.

NO HUMANISTIC PHILOSOPHY, NO CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
CAN VALIDLY ACCEPT THE NEGATION OF A SOCIAL REALITY,
OF THE HISTORICAL VALUES OF THAT PEOPLE AND OF ITS
NATURAL RIGHT TO LIVE IN DIGNITY IN AND BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ITS NATIVE LAND.

THE LIFE OF THE WHITE MAN ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT CANNOT
THEREFORE BE FOUNDED ON THE ALIENATION, PURE AND SIMPLE,
OF THE RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE, THE AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE
OWNERS OF THE AFRICAN LAND.

THUS, FOR THE PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE DE GUINEE AND FOR ITS
GOVERNMENT, TO SPEAK OF A DIALOGUE WITH THE SUPPORTERS
OF APARTHEID IS TO ADD TO THE INJURY DONE BY THE RACISTS
TO AFRICA THAT DONE BY AFRICA TO ITSELF. FOR THAT REASON,
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA, WHICH HAS
CONFIDENCE IN ALL AFRICAN STATES, IN THEIR SENSE OF
AFRICAN MORALITY, IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO REHABILITATE
OUR PEOPLE, REMAINS CONVINCED THAT ALL ATTEMPTS BY
THE SUPPORTERS OF APARTHEID AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES WILL BE
DOOMED TO FAILURE SINCE NO GOVERNMENT WORTHY OF OUR
CONTINENT WILL ABDICATE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONTINUE
TO GIVE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE STRUGGLE OF OUR
PEOPLE FOR THE FINAL ELIMINATION OF ALL THE CAUSES OF
OUR HISTORICAL BACKWARDNESS.

TO ACT OTHERWISE WOULD BE A SERIOUS MATTER, SINCE IT
WOULD BE TO ACCEPT THE UNANIMOUS CENSURE OF OUR PEOPLE,
THE IRREVOCABLE CONDEMNATION OF THE RISING GENERATION
OF YOUNG AFRICANS WHOSE FUTURE WOULD THEREBY BE JEOPARDIZED.
IT WOULD ALSO BE TO HAVE AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNWORTHY
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ATTITUDE BEFORE THE NON-AFRICAN NATIONS WHICH, DESPITE THE
STRONG PRESSURES EXERTED ON THEM BY CERTAIN GREAT POWERS,
COURAGEOUSLY ADOPTED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
THE AFRICAN STATES RELATING TO THE EXCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA
FROM MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED
NATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA BELIEVES THAT
IT IS TIME TO SWEEP AWAY ALL CONFUSION AND FOR EACH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO REAFFIRM VIGOROUSLY ITS FIDELITY
TO THE AFRICAN HOMELAND AND TO ITS PAN-AFRICAN ORGANIZATION,
THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, BY REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS
FOR A DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
INDIGNITY OF APARTHEID WHICH DISHONOURS OUR CONTINENT
HAS FINALLY DISAPPEARED IN THE INTERESTS OF AFRICAN AND

UNIVERSAL PROGRESS.

THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA URGE ALL FRATERNAL
PEOPLE, ALL FRATERNAL GOVERNMENTS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO ENSURE THAT THE JUST CAUSE OF OUR CONTINENT TRIUMPHS.
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